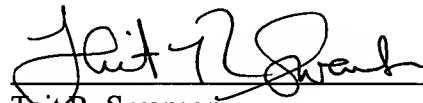


REMARKS

In this Preliminary Amendment, the Applicants amended the title to correspond to that indicated in the originally filed application, the Declaration, and the Assignment. If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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